

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-10 are now present in this application. Claim 1 is independent. Claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The Examiner indicated that a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review PTO-948 was provided in the current Office Action. However, a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review PTO-948 or other indication of whether or not the formal drawings have been approved by the Draftsperson *is missing* from the Office Action. Applicant requests that the Examiner to provide a replacement PTO-948 or a new PTO-948 in the next Office Action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant's disclosed conventional art in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,220 to Nitta. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

At the outset the Applicant notes that no admission has been made that the drawing shown in Fig. 5 is prior art. Applicant requests that the Examiner provide evidence that the drawing shown in Fig. 5 is prior art in the next Office Action. Otherwise, the Applicant requests that the Applicant's disclosure (particularly Fig. 5) be withdrawn as a prior art reference.

The Examiner admits that the conventional art fails to disclose or suggest tape carrier packages and the driving circuit boards are disposed upon a surface of said panel, and relies on Nitta to fill the deficiency.

Nitta discloses a panel 10 including a front glass 11 and a rear glass 12. The panel shown is a plasma display panel (PDP). The Applicant's claims recite an electro-luminescence panel (EL panel). The Applicant's claimed device is hereby distinguished over Nitta, and on this basis, without further argument, the Nitta reference should be withdrawn. However, further distinctions are provided below.

The panel 10 of Nitta is installed on a reinforcing plate 15. The reinforcing plate 15 has an extended part, on which a flexible printed wired board and a TAB is disposed. Clearly, in Nitta, the flexible printed wired board is positioned outside the panel.

By contrast, in the Applicant's claimed invention, the TCP and the driving circuit boards are positioned on the non-display area within the pane, the TCP

being connected to the driving circuit boards in a planar state, thereby minimizing the length of the EL display.

In other words, in the Applicant's claimed invention, additional space is not required for positioning the TCP and the driving circuit boards.

Therefore, Nitta, like the conventional art, fails to teach or suggest a combination of elements in an electro-luminescence display, including tape carrier packages connecting the driving circuit boards and the electro-luminescence panel in a planar state wherein the tape carrier packages and the driving circuit boards are disposed upon the don-display area within said panel, as recited in independent claim 1, as amended.

Claims 2-10 depend, either directly or indirectly on independent claim 1. Since both the conventional art and Nitta fails to disclose or suggest the above-recited features of independent claim 1, as amended, the conventional art, in view of Nitta cannot render claims 1-10 obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this art grounds of rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be

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withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Percy L. Square, Registration No. 51,084, at (703) 205-8034, in the Washington, D.C. area.

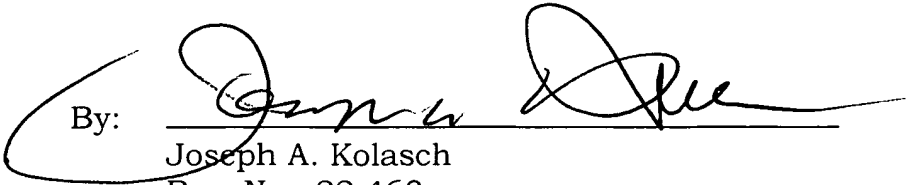
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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